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 14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
 15 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

16 JENEANE BAQUE, individually and on
 17 behalf of all others similarly situated,

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 MEDTRONIC, INC., a corporation,

21 Defendant.

22 } **CASE NO. 3:07-cv-05352**

23 } **COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND
 24 EQUITABLE RELIEF**

25 } **CLASS ACTION**

26 } **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

27 **PREAMBLE**

28 Plaintiff JENEANE BAQUE, by her undersigned counsel, for herself and all others
 similarly situated, hereby commences this individual and Class Action against Medtronic, Inc.,
 (hereinafter collectively "Defendant" or "Medtronic," unless otherwise stated) for compensatory,

1 equitable, injunctive, and declaratory relief. Plaintiff makes the following allegations based
2 upon her personal knowledge as to her own acts, and upon information and belief, as well as
3 upon her attorneys' investigative efforts as to Medtronic's actions and misconduct, and alleges as
4 follows:

5 **PARTIES**

6 1. Individual and representative Plaintiff Jeneane Baque is a citizen and resident of
7 the State of California.

8 2. Defendant Medtronic, Inc is a Minnesota corporation, with its principal place of
9 business at 710 Medtronic Parkway, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55432. Medtronic develops
10 technology to treat conditions such as heart disease and other illnesses. Medtronic manufactures
11 medical devices throughout the United States, including in the Northern District of California,
12 and sells these devices worldwide. Medtronic's Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management Division
13 ("CRM Division") is the division that develops, researches, advertises, promotes, markets and
14 sells all of Medtronic implantable defibrillators ("ICDs"), and leads, some of which are marketed
15 under the trade name "Sprint Fidelis." CRM Division's operations are principally conducted out
16 of its facilities at Cardiac Rhythm Disease Management at 7000 Central Ave., Minneapolis,
17 Minnesota 55432.

18 **INTRODUCTION**

19 3. Medtronic designs, researches, develops, manufactures, tests, markets, advertises,
20 promotes, distributes, and sells products that treat cardiac arrhythmias, heart failure, and
21 coronary and peripheral vascular disease. An arrhythmia is an irregular cardiac rhythm, which
22 can cause significantly decreased cardiac output and ultimately, death. Medtronic holds itself
23 out as "the global leader in medical technology, alleviating pain, restoring health and extending
24 life for millions of people around the world." (See 2005 Annual Statement, Medtronic, Inc.).

25 4. A number of devices designed to detect and treat abnormally fast and irregular
26 heart rhythms and to provide pacing for improper heart rhythms are available from Medtronic
27 and other manufacturers, including implantable cardiac defibrillators ("ICDs"). ICDs contain
28 pacemakers as well as defibrillators; while a pacemaker is used primarily to correct slow heart

1 rates, an ICD detects and corrects both fast and slow heart rates. The pacemaker portion corrects
2 the slow rates and the anti-tachycardia portion can “over-drive pace” rapid rates. The
3 defibrillator portion can shock ventricular tachycardia and ventricular fibrillation to stop the
4 heart and allow an appropriate rhythm to take over.

5 5. ICDs are designed to be implanted primarily under the skin of the chest wall. The
6 device’s power source, or pulse generator, is implanted in a pouch formed in the chest wall
7 generally over the left pectoralis major muscle.

8 6. Typically, wires called leads are inserted through a major vein and attached
9 directly to the muscle on the inside of the heart. Electrodes that sense the heart’s rhythm are
10 built into the lead wires and positioned in the heart, where they monitor the heartbeat and can
11 administer an electric shock to abort a dangerous “over-drive pace,” a very rapid rhythm, or pace
12 the heart at a normal rhythm if an irregularity is detected.

13 7. Such devices are used in patients, like Plaintiff, who have arrhythmias or irregular
14 heartbeats that are considered life-threatening. The Class members with these medical problems
15 include patients who are at risk for ventricular fibrillation (rapid, ineffective contraction of the
16 ventricles of the heart), ventricular tachycardia (excessively rapid heartbeat) that is poorly
17 controlled by medication. These arrhythmias or irregular heart beats can result in the loss of
18 consciousness or death, unless the patient receives therapy from an appropriate device to put the
19 heart back into an appropriate cardiac rhythm.

20 8. If an implanted ICD and lead operate properly, the system can save a patient’s
21 life. If either fails to operate, the patient may die within minutes.

THE SPRINT FIDELIS LEADS

23 9. This Class Action seeks recovery for patients who have been implanted with
24 Sprint Fidelis leads marketed by Medtronic under the following model numbers:

25 (i) the 6949 LFJ extendable/retractable screw fixation (S) model,
26 (ii) the 6948 LFH tuned fixation (T) model,
27 (iii) the 6931 LFT S fixation, and,
28 (iv) the 6930 LFK T fixation.

1 10. At all times relevant, these Sprint Fidelis leads were researched, developed,
2 manufactured, marketed, promoted, advertised, sold, and distributed by Medtronic to be used in
3 connection with ICDs.

4 11. The majority of ICDs now use two or three leads. As a result, smaller high-
5 voltage leads are attractive to electrophysiologists because they are believed to be easier to
6 insert, and are less likely to obstruct blood flow or distort the tricuspid valve. The Medtronic
7 Sprint Fidelis leads are smaller high voltage leads.

8 12. In 2001, Medtronic marketed its then-smallest defibrillation lead called the Sprint
9 Quattro Secure, model 6947 (“Quattro leads”).

10 13. In 2004, Medtronic introduced and marketed the Sprint Fidelis to replace the
11 Sprint Quattro as the high voltage lead of choice and to attempt to gain a larger market share.

12 14. At the time that Medtronic announced the marketing of the Sprint Fidelis leads,
13 Medtronic claimed that “[t]he small size of the Sprint Fidelis (Fidelis is a Latin word that means
14 ‘faithful’) helps improve passage into a patient’s venous system for an easier implant, and
15 minimizes venous obstruction.” In a News Release dated September 2, 2004, Medtronic also
16 referred to the leads as “state-of-the-art.”

17 15. Medtronic further represented that the Sprint Fidelis leads were based on the
18 “proven” design of the Quattro leads.

19 16. The Sprint Fidelis leads were approved for sale by the United States Food and
20 Drug Administration (the “FDA”) in September 2004 and have been implanted in over 160,000
21 patients worldwide.

22 17. The Sprint Fidelis lead is a 6.6 French isodiametric multifilar true bipolar high
23 voltage lead with silicone insulation and polyurethane outer coating.

24 18. The Models 6949 and 6948 have two high voltage coils; the 6930 and 6931
25 models have a single right ventricular high voltage coil. As of January 2007, approximately
26 144,311 model 6949 Sprint Fidelis leads, 7510 model 6948 leads, 5387 model 6931 leads, and
27 236 model 6930 leads had been implanted.

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THE DEFECTS IN THE SPRINT FIDELIS LEADS

19. Since the Sprint Fidelis leads were introduced to the market, it has become evident that a significant portion of the leads have potentially fatal defects.

4 20. Such defects were discussed in an article written by doctors at The Minneapolis
5 Heart Institute, one of the premiere heart institutes in the world, based on a study of the
6 incidence of lead failures in the Sprint Fidelis models compared to the Sprint Quattro models.
7 According to the report, which was prepared by Dr. Robert G. Hauser, *et al.*, and published in
8 the *Heart Rhythm Society Journal* in the Spring of 2007, “Early Failure of Small-Diameter High-
9 Voltage Inflammable Cardioverter-Defibrillator Lead”, Heart Rhythm Society 2007.03.041
10 (2007) (“Early Failure”), the Minneapolis Heart Institute’s experience reflected that, between
11 September 2004 and February 2007, 583 patients were implanted with Sprint Fidelis Model 6949
12 leads, and nine patients received other Sprint Fidelis models. During that time, six patients
13 experienced Sprint Fidelis Model 6949 lead failures. The failed Sprint Fidelis Model 6949 leads
14 had been implanted by various electrophysiologists, cardiologists and thoracic surgeons. The
15 average time to failure was fourteen months (based on a range of four to twenty-three months).
16 *Early Failure*, p. 893.

17 21. The study compared the actuarial survival of the 583 Sprint Fidelis Model 6949
18 leads implanted at the Minneapolis Heart Institute to the survival of 285 Sprint Quattro Model
19 6947 leads implanted at the Institute between November 2001 and March 2007. The difference
20 in survival between the Sprint Fidelis Model 6949 lead and the Sprint Quattro Secure Model
21 6947 lead was extremely significant. The failure rate for the Sprint Fidelis Model 6949 lead was
22 1-2% during the first two years of implant and was ten times greater than the failure rate for the
23 Sprint Quattro Secure Model 6947 lead. *Early Failure*, p. 893-894.

24 22. The significant number of lead failures involved lead fractures of the PACE-sense
25 conductor or coil in the Sprint Fidelis Model 6949. The fracture rate for the Sprint Fidelis leads
26 was three times higher than the fracture rate of the Quattro Model 6947. *Early Failure*, p. 894-
27 895.

1 23. Another study, conducted at Cornell University Medical Center by Sunil
2 Mirchandani, *et al.*, found “(a) 17% incidence of abnormal right ventricular sensing during
3 follow-up of patients implanted with the Medtronic Sprint Fidelis ICD lead,” necessitating “an
4 early revision of the system in 4% of patients.”

5 24. Medtronic has not disclosed the precise mechanism of the Sprint Fidelis lead
6 fracture failures. However, it appears that the defect in the Sprint Fidelis may be attributable to
7 the small diameter of the coil and conductors and the fact that, in light of this small diameter, it is
8 subject to stress damage both during and after implant. Fracture eventually occurs when the
9 conductor is critically overstressed. The number of fractures that have been observed in these
10 leads indicates that there is a clear defect in the leads themselves, and that defect was
11 demonstrated in the 6949 leads that were implanted in Plaintiff Jeneane Baque. Plaintiff Baque
12 requires medical monitoring of her 6949 leads.

13 25. A review of the FDA’s MAUDE database, which contains reports of adverse
14 events associated with the use of medical devices, discloses that, as of July 2007, over 1000
15 Medical Device Reports (“MDR”s) regarding Sprint Fidelis lead had been filed since September
16 2004. The most frequent complaints were fracture and inappropriate shocks, and the most
17 common observations were high impedance, over-sensing and noise, and failure to capture or
18 high threshold.

19 26. Medtronic analyzed approximately 125 of those leads that were returned to
20 Medtronic before July 2006. According to the relevant MDR reports, Medtronic concluded that
21 77 out of 125 leads (or 62%) were defective. The predominant manifestation of the defect was
22 conductor fracture, involving the PACE-sense conductor and coil or the high voltage
23 (defibrillation) conductor. PACE-sense conductor or coil fracture was manifested by
24 inappropriate shocks or over-sensing/noise and high impedance, while high voltage conductor
25 fracture was primarily linked to high impedance.

26 27. Medtronic filed more than 350 additional MDRs regarding the Sprint Fidelis leads
27 between August 2006 and February 2007. Medtronic did not include similar analysis of those
28 leads in the MDRs filed by Medtronic during this period.

1 28. On March 21, 2007, Medtronic issued a physician advisory, in the nature of a
2 "Dear Doctor Letter," that advised physicians of "the higher than expected conductor fracture
3 rates in ... Sprint Fidelis leads." Medtronic claims in that letter to be investigating reports of
4 lead failures, however, still represents that the Sprint Fidelis leads are performing consistent
5 with, and "in line with other Medtronic leads And consistent with lead performance publicly
6 reported by other manufacturers." This letter also states, "...variables within the implant
7 procedure may contribute significantly to these fractures... For conductor fractures that occur
8 around the suture sleeve, our preliminary investigation suggests that under certain implant
9 techniques, the lead appears to be exposed to severe bending or kinking in the pectoral area." At
10 no time prior to this letter did Medtronic warn physicians that its leads must be specially handled
11 during the implantation procedure or that they could "severely bend" or "kink" if they are
12 implanted using certain accepted implant techniques.

13 29. On October 15, 2007, Medtronic recalled all unimplanted Sprint Fidelis leads,
14 citing several deaths related to the leads. Medtronic recommended that implanted Sprint Fidelis
15 leads be monitored.

16 30. Medtronic's representation of the consistency of the performance of the Sprint
17 Fidelis leads is untrue in light of the reported experience with the leads and the various issues
18 included in the MAUDE database reports.

19 31. At all times relevant, Medtronic misrepresented the safety of the Sprint Fidelis
20 leads and negligently manufactured, marketed, advertised, promoted, sold, and distributed the
21 leads as safe devices to be used together with ICDs for prophylactic treatment of patients with
22 prior myocardial infarction and decreased ejection fraction, ventricular arrhythmias, and patients
23 who are at high risk for developing such arrhythmias. Some patients are dependent on such
24 devices to maintain an appropriate heart rhythm, and therefore, adequate cardiac output. For
25 these patients, failure of the leads connected to the ICD can cause sudden faintness, or loss of
26 consciousness, and can result in death.

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1 32. At all times relevant, Medtronic failed to warn that the Sprint Fidelis leads were
2 prone to breakage or that particular processes should be implemented in order to avoid breaking
3 the Sprint Fidelis leads.

4 33. As a result of their defective design and manufacture, Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis
5 leads suffer fracture, leading to malfunction in the transmission of the electric signal from the
6 ICD to the patient's heart.

SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

8 34. At all times relevant, the Sprint Fidelis (collectively the “leads”) were researched,
9 developed, manufactured, marketed, promoted, advertised and sold by Medtronic.

10 35. At all times relevant, Medtronic misrepresented the safety of the Sprint Fidelis
11 leads, and negligently manufactured, marketed, advertised, promoted, sold and distributed the
12 leads as safe and effective devices to be used for implantation with ICDs for prophylactic
13 treatment of patients with prior myocardial infarction and a limited ejection fraction, patients
14 who have had spontaneous and/or inducible life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias, and patients
15 who are at high risk for developing such arrhythmias.

16 36. At all times relevant to this action, Medtronic knew, and had reason to know, that
17 the Sprint Fidelis leads were not safe for the patients for whom they were prescribed and
18 implanted, because the leads fractured and otherwise malfunctioned, and therefore failed to
19 operate in a safe and continuous manner, causing serious medical problems and, in some
20 patients, catastrophic injuries and deaths.

21 37. At all times relevant to this action, Medtronic knew, and had reason to know, that
22 its representations that the Sprint Fidelis leads were easier to implant and based on “proven”
23 technology were materially false and misleading.

24 38. Approximately 129,000 of the affected devices remain in service in the United
25 States and in other countries.

26 39. As a result of this defective design and manufacture, the Sprint Fidelis leads can
27 cause serious physical trauma and/or death. Medtronic knew and had reason to know of this
28 tendency and the resulting risk of injuries and deaths, but concealed this information and did not

1 warn Plaintiff or their physicians, preventing Plaintiff, the Class and their physicians, and the
2 medical community from making informed choices about the selection of leads for implantation.

3 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

4 40. The Court has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332 (d)
5 because this action is a class action that involves parties and class members who are citizens of
6 different states and the value of the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of
7 \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

8 41. The Court also has subject matter jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S. § 1332 (a)
9 because this action involves parties who are citizens of different states and the value of the
10 matter in controversy exceeds \$ 75,000, exclusive of interests and costs.

11 42. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (a) because this action involves parties
12 who are citizens of different states and the acts or omissions giving rise to the Plaintiff's claim
13 occurred in this Judicial District.

14 43. Venue is also proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) because the Court's jurisdiction
15 is not founded primarily on diversity of citizenship and a substantial part of the events or
16 omissions giving rise to the Plaintiff's claim occurred in this Judicial District.

17 44. Venue is also proper under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (c) because the Defendant is a
18 corporation that was subject to the personal jurisdiction of this Court at the time this action
19 commenced, and because the Defendant has contacts sufficient to subject it to the Court's
20 personal jurisdiction if this Court's District were a separate State.

21 **CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

22 45. Plaintiff brings this action on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, as
23 members of a proposed Plaintiff class (the "Class") of all individuals who have been implanted
24 with the leads at issue, and propose a Nationwide Class, or in the alternative fifty-one statewide
25 classes, each composed of:

26 • All residents and domiciliaries of the United States who have been implanted with
27 Sprint Fidelis leads manufactured by Medtronic ("patient recipients"), during the
28 period from January 1, 2004 through the present (the "Class period");

- The estates, representatives, and administrators of deceased patient recipients; and,
- The spouses, children, relatives, and “significant others” of deceased patient recipients as their heirs or survivors.
- Excluded from the proposed subclass are (i) Medtronic, any entity in which Medtronic has a controlling interest or which have a controlling interest in Medtronic, and Medtronic’s legal representatives, predecessors, successors and assigns; (ii) the judicial officers to whom this case is assigned; and (iii) any member of the immediate families of excluded persons.

10 46. The Class is so numerous that the individual joinder of all its members is
11 impracticable. While the exact number and identification of Class members is unknown to
12 Plaintiff at this time and can only be ascertained through appropriate discovery of Medtronic,
13 Plaintiff is informed and believes that the Class includes more than 100,000 patient recipients
14 worldwide.

15 47. This action is brought and may properly be maintained as a class action pursuant
16 to the provisions of *Federal Rule of Civil Procedure* 23(a)(1)-(4), 23(b)(2), and 23(b)(3) and/or
17 23(c)(4)(A). This action satisfies the numerosity, commonality, typicality, adequacy,
18 predominance, and superiority requirements of those provisions. Common questions of fact and
19 law exist as to all Class members which predominate over any questions affecting only
20 individual Class members. These common legal and factual questions, which do not vary from
21 Class member to Class member, and which may be determined without reference to the
22 individual circumstances of any Class member, include, but are not limited to, the following:

23 (a) Whether there are design and/or manufacturing defects in Medtronic's Sprint
24 Fidelis leads;

25 (b) Whether Medtronic failed to follow United States Food & Drug Administration
26 ("FDA") good manufacturing practices, failed to properly investigate
27 manifestations of the lead defects over the past several years, failed to adequately
28 document reports of the defects, and failed to exercise adequate quality control;

1 (c) Whether Medtronic's conduct in designing, manufacturing, marketing, and
2 monitoring the Sprint Fidelis leads fell below the duty of care owed by Medtronic
3 to Plaintiff and the other Class members;

4 (d) Whether Medtronic intentionally, deliberately, uniformly, knowingly, carelessly,
5 recklessly, or negligently misrepresented, omitted, concealed and suppressed
6 material and important information regarding the existence of a defect in the
7 Sprint Fidelis leads from Plaintiff, the FDA, physicians and Class members;

8 (e) Whether the Sprint Fidelis leads listed in the proposed class definition share
9 common and inherent design and manufacturing defects that cause them to
10 fracture and malfunction, causing inappropriate shocks and failure to deliver an
11 effective shock when needed, creating a risk of injury or death to patients in
12 whom they were implanted;

13 (f) Whether Medtronic negligently, intentionally, deliberately, uniformly, or
14 recklessly materially misrepresented, concealed, omitted, or suppressed the
15 quality and usefulness of the leads, thereby inducing Plaintiff and the Class to
16 accept implantation of the Sprint Fidelis leads rather than another brand of leads,
17 which would not have been prone to the defects;

18 (g) Whether Medtronic is liable for selling a dangerously defective product;

19 (h) Whether Medtronic failed to adequately warn or notify patient recipients, the
20 medical community, and the regulators of the defect, dangers, disadvantages and
21 hazards of the leads;

22 (i) Whether Medtronic failed to adequately warn or notify hospitals and physicians
23 regarding the defect, malfunction and/or hazards of the defective leads;

24 (j) Whether Medtronic breached express or implied warranties;

25 (k) Whether Medtronic's conduct constitutes negligence;

26 (l) Whether Medtronic is liable for infliction of emotional distress;

27 (m) Whether Medtronic's misconduct violated applicable consumer protection
28 statutes;

- 1 (n) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to injunctive and other equitable
2 relief, including restitution and disgorgement, and if so, the nature of such relief;
- 3 (o) Whether Plaintiff and Class members are entitled to medical monitoring and
4 surveillance and medical treatment at Medtronic's expense;
- 5 (p) Whether Medtronic is liable for punitive or exemplary damages, and if so, the
6 amount necessary and appropriate to punish them for their conduct, to deter
7 others, and to fulfill the other policies and purposes of punitive and exemplary
8 damages;
- 9 (q) Whether Medtronic unjustly enriched itself at the expense of Plaintiff and Class
10 members; and,
- 11 (r) Which mechanism, among the methods available under the *Federal Rules of Civil
12 Procedure*, is superior to ensure the fair and efficient adjudication of this
13 controversy within the meaning of *Fed. R. Civ. P.* 23(b)(3).

14 48. Plaintiff's claims are typical of the claims of the Class members. Plaintiff and
15 other Class members must prove the same facts in order to establish the same claims, described
16 herein, which apply to all Class members.

17 49. Plaintiff is an adequate representative of the Class because she is a member of the
18 Class and her interests do not conflict with the interests of the Class members she seeks to
19 represent. Plaintiff has retained counsel competent and experienced in the prosecution of
20 products liability, mass torts, and consumer fraud class actions, and together Plaintiff and
21 counsel intend to prosecute this action vigorously for the benefit of the Class. The interests of
22 Class members will fairly and adequately be protected by Plaintiff and her counsel.

23 50. A class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient
24 adjudication of this litigation since individual litigation of the claims of all Class members is
25 impracticable. Even if every Class member could afford individual litigation, the court system
26 could not. It would be unduly burdensome to the courts, in which individual litigation of
27 thousands of cases would proceed. Individual litigation presents a potential for inconsistent or
28 contradictory judgments, the prospect of a race for the courthouse, and an inequitable allocation

1 of recovery among those with equally meritorious claims. Individual litigation increases the
2 expense and delay to all parties and the court system in resolving the legal and factual issues
3 common to all Medtronic Sprint Fidelis lead claims. By contrast, the class action device presents
4 far fewer management difficulties and provides the benefit of a single adjudication, economies of
5 scale, and comprehensive supervision by a single court.

6 51. The various claims asserted in this action are additionally or alternatively
7 certifiable under the provisions of *Federal Rules of Civil Procedure* 23(b)(1) and/or 23(b)(2)
8 because:

9 (i) The prosecution of separate actions by thousands of individual Class members
10 would create a risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications with respect to
11 individual Class members, thus establishing incompatible standards of conduct for
12 Medtronic;

13 (ii) The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class members would also
14 create the risk of adjudications with respect to them that would, as a practical
15 matter, be dispositive of the interests of the other Class members who are not a
16 party to such adjudications and would substantially impair or impede the ability of
17 such non-party Class members to protect their interests;

18 (iii) Medtronic has acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the entire
19 Class, thereby making appropriate final declaratory and injunctive relief with
20 respect to the Class as a whole.

ALLEGATIONS

22 52. Medtronic designed, manufactured, marketed, promoted, sold, and distributed 4
23 models of defective leads, including the Sprint Fidelis 6949 LFJ extendable/retractable screw
24 fixation (S) model; the 6948 LFH tuned fixation (T) model; the 6931 LFT S fixation; and the
25 6930 LFK fixation (T) model. All of the aforementioned models contain the same defect.

26 53. The Sprint Fidelis leads were originally approved for sale by the FDA in
27 September 2004.

1 54. The Sprint Fidelis leads are uniformly defective in that they are prone to fracture
2 of the pace-sense conductor and coil and the HV conductor, causing them to fail to function in a
3 manner which may not be immediately detectable by the patient. The malfunctioning can lead to
4 terrifying inappropriate defibrillation shocks, failure to deliver appropriate (life-giving)
5 defibrillation therapy and death.

6 55. There is no test that predicts whether the Sprint Fidelis leads will fail.

7 56. To this day, Medtronic has refused to suggest replacement of the defective Sprint
8 Fidelis leads in its patients, even though in patients whom these defects have been discovered,
9 emergency replacement of the leads is required.

10 57. Medtronic's failure to document or follow up on the known defects in its Sprint
11 Fidelis leads, and concealment of known defects from the FDA, Plaintiff, the medical
12 community and Class members constitutes fraudulent concealment that equitably tolls applicable
13 statutes of limitation.

14 58. No member of the Class could have discovered the existence of the defect in the
15 Sprint Fidelis leads until, at least, March 2007, when the first physician advisory was sent by
16 Medtronic to physicians concerning the fragile nature of these leads.

17 59. Medtronic is estopped from relying on the statute of limitations defense because
18 Medtronic actively concealed the lead defects, suppressing reports, failing to follow through on
19 FDA notification requirements, and failing to disclose known defects to physicians or class
20 members. Instead of revealing the defects, Medtronic continued to represent its products as safe
21 for their intended use.

22 60. Medtronic's conduct, as described in the preceding paragraphs, amounts to
23 conduct purposely committed, which Medtronic must have realized was dangerous, heedless and
24 reckless, without regard to the consequences or the rights and safety of Plaintiff and Class
25 members.

26 61. Thousands of patients' lives rely upon the proper functioning of these Sprint
27 Fidelis leads, and they— along with their physicians— have been vigorously attempting to
28 assess the risks that they now face.

62. Patients and physicians remain uninformed and confused about whether the devices should be explanted, or even whether all of the defects have been disclosed.

63. Because of incomplete, inconsistent, and/or confusing information published by Medtronic, it remains unclear how many patients are affected by these defective leads, although based on the population of Medtronic patients whose claims are asserted in this complaints, it is likely to be at least 1,500 and could be as high as 6,000 heart patients in the United States.

64. At all times herein mentioned, Defendant was engaged in the business of, or was successor in interest to, entities engaged in the business of researching, designing, formulating, compounding, testing, manufacturing, producing, processing, assembling, inspecting, distributing, marketing, labeling, promoting, packaging, prescribing and/or advertising for sale, and selling products for use by Plaintiff and the members of her Class. As such, Defendant is individually liable to Plaintiff and her Class for their damages.

65. At all times herein mentioned, the officers and/or directors of the Defendant named herein participated in, authorized and/or directed the production and promotion of the aforementioned products when they knew, or with the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known, of the hazards and dangerous propensities of said products, and thereby actively participated in the tortious conduct that resulted in the injuries suffered by Plaintiff and the members of her Class.

PLAINTIFF

66. Plaintiff Jeneane Baque has a cardiovascular condition that necessitates the use of an implantable cardiac pacemaker/defibrillator. Ms. Baque was implanted with a cardiac pacemaker/defibrillator combination (an "ICD"). The ICD was attached to her heart with a lead wire system called a Sprint Fidelis lead, model number 6949, manufactured by Medtronic. The Sprint Fidelis lead system was implanted on or about October 19, 2004. After that date, Ms. Baque experienced a number of frightening episodes of unnecessary shocks.

67. Ms. Baque's Sprint Fidelis lead was explanted on March 8, 2007 because it was defective. The lead system itself had fractured. The fracture forced Ms. Baque to have an early

1 explant of the old lead system and implant of a new one, scarring her already fragile heart, and
 2 subjecting her to a variety of other severe emotional and physical harms.

3 68. The second implanted set of leads were of the same defective variety as the first,
 4 bearing the same product number of 6949. This second set of defective leads remain inside her
 5 body to this day. Consequently, she continues to be at risk of unnecessary and dangerous electric
 6 shocks, in addition to being shadowed by a cloud of dread regarding future spontaneous and
 7 unpredictable electric shocks, injuries resulting from those shocks, and possibly death.

8 **CLAIMS FOR RELIEF**

9 **FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

10 **(Products Liability)**

11 69. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
 12 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

13 70. At all relevant times hereto, Medtronic was engaged in the business of designing,
 14 manufacturing, assembling, promoting, advertising, selling, and distributing the Sprint Fidelis
 15 leads for ultimate sale to, and implantation in, heart disease/disorder patients. Medtronic
 16 designed, manufactured, assembled, and sold the Sprint Fidelis leads to hospitals and physicians,
 17 knowing that they would be thereby sold to patients with heart diseases and disorders (including
 18 Plaintiff and Class members).

19 71. Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis leads were expected to and did reach Plaintiff and the
 20 Class without substantial change in their condition as manufactured and sold by Medtronic. In
 21 light of the defects described herein, at the time the leads reached Plaintiff and the Class, they
 22 were in a condition not contemplated by any reasonable person among the expected users of the
 23 devices, and were unreasonably dangerous to the expected users of the devices when used in
 24 reasonably foreseeable ways of handling or consumption.

25 72. The Sprint Fidelis leads designed, manufactured, assembled, and sold by
 26 Medtronic to Plaintiff and Class members were in a defective condition unreasonably dangerous
 27 to any user or consumer of the devices, and Plaintiff and Class members were, and are, in the

1 class of persons that Medtronic should reasonably have foreseen as being subject to the harm
2 caused by the devices' defective condition.

3 73. Plaintiff and Class members used the leads in the manner in which the leads were
4 intended to be used. This has resulted in injuries to Plaintiff and Class members.

5 74. Neither Plaintiff nor Class members, were aware of, and could not in the exercise
6 of reasonable care have discovered, the defective nature of Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis leads, nor
7 could they have known that Medtronic designed, manufactured or assembled the leads in a
8 manner that would increase the risk of bodily injury to them.

9 75. As a direct and proximate result of Medtronic's design, manufacture, assembly,
10 marketing and sales of the Sprint Fidelis leads, Plaintiff and the Class members have sustained
11 and will continue to sustain severe physical injuries and/or death, severe emotional distress, and
12 economic losses and consequential damages, and are therefore entitled to compensatory relief,
13 according to proof, and to a declaratory judgment that Medtronic is liable for breach of its duty
14 to them and for its failure to provide a safe and effective medical device. Plaintiff and the Class
15 members are also entitled to equitable relief, as described below.

16 76. Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis leads constitute a product dangerous for its reasonably
17 intended use, due to defective design, manufacture, assembly, and marketing. Medtronic is
18 therefore liable to Plaintiff and Class members in an amount according to proof.

19 **SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

20 **(Breach of Implied Warranty)**

21 77. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
22 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

23 78. Medtronic impliedly warranted that its Sprint Fidelis leads, which Medtronic
24 designed, manufactured, assembled, promoted and sold to Plaintiff and Class members, were
25 merchantable and fit and safe for ordinary use. Medtronic further impliedly warranted that its
26 Sprint Fidelis leads were fit for the particular purpose of providing prophylactic treatment of
27 patients with a variety of medical issues, including prior myocardial infarction and a limited
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1 ejection fraction, spontaneous and/or inducible life-threatening ventricular arrhythmias, and a
2 high risk for developing such arrhythmias.

3 79. Medtronic further impliedly warranted that its Sprint Fidelis leads were based on
4 "proven" lead technology and that the Sprint Fidelis leads were easier to implant.

5 80. Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis leads were defective, unmerchantable, and unfit for
6 ordinary use when sold, and unfit for the particular purpose for which they were sold, and
7 subjected Plaintiff and Class members to severe and permanent injuries and death. Therefore,
8 Medtronic breached the implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose
9 when its leads were sold to Plaintiff and Class members, in that the leads are defective and have
10 fractured and otherwise failed to function as represented and intended.

11 81. As a direct and proximate result of Medtronic's breach of the implied warranties
12 of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, Plaintiff and Class members have
13 sustained and will continue to sustain severe physical injuries and/or death, severe emotional
14 distress, and economic losses, and are therefore entitled to compensatory damages and equitable
15 relief according to proof.

THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligence)

18 82. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
19 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

20 83. Medtronic had a duty to Plaintiff and Class members to provide a safe product in
21 design and manufacture, to notify the FDA of design flaws, and to warn the FDA, Plaintiff, and
22 Class members of the defective nature of the Sprint Fidelis leads. Medtronic breached its duty of
23 reasonable care to Plaintiff and Class members by incorporating a defect into the design of the
24 Sprint Fidelis leads, thereby causing Plaintiff's and Class members' injuries.

25 84. Medtronic breached its duty of reasonable care to Plaintiff and Class members by
26 manufacturing and assembling the Sprint Fidelis leads in such a manner that they were prone to
27 fracture and fail to operate and malfunction and expose Plaintiff and Class members to life-
28 threatening physical trauma.

85. Medtronic breached its duty of reasonable care to Plaintiff and Class members by failing to notify the FDA at the earliest possible date of known design defects in the leads.

86. Medtronic breached its duty of reasonable care to Plaintiff and Class members by failing to exercise due care under the circumstances.

5 87. As a direct and proximate result of the carelessness and negligence of Medtronic
6 as set forth in the preceding paragraphs, Plaintiff and Class members have sustained and will
7 continue to sustain severe physical injuries and/or death, severe emotional distress, economic
8 losses and other damages, are entitled to compensatory damages and equitable and declaratory
9 relief according to proof. Medtronic's egregious misconduct alleged above also warrants the
10 imposition of punitive damages against Medtronic.

FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress)

13 88. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
14 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

15 89. Medtronic engaged in extreme and outrageous conduct, knowingly and/or
16 recklessly marketing defective leads, knowingly and/or recklessly concealing a known and
17 potentially fatal defect from Plaintiff and Class members, and knowingly and/or recklessly
18 misrepresenting the quality and usefulness of the Sprint Fidelis leads.

19 90. As a direct result of Medtronic's misconduct, Plaintiff and Class members have
20 sustained and will continue to sustain physical injuries and/or death, economic losses, and other
21 damages.

22 91. Medtronic intended to cause Plaintiff's and Class members' severe emotional
23 distress, or acted with reckless disregard for the Plaintiff's and the Class members' emotional
24 states.

25 92. Plaintiff and Class members did, in fact, incur (and continue to incur) severe
26 emotional distress as a result of Medtronic's misconduct. Accordingly, Plaintiff and the Class
27 members are entitled to compensatory damages and equitable and declaratory relief according to
28 proof.

93. Medtronic's misconduct alleged above warrants the imposition of punitive damages against Medtronic.

FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress)

94. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

7 95. Medtronic carelessly and negligently manufactured, marketed and sold defective
8 Sprint Fidelis leads to Plaintiff and Class members, carelessly and negligently concealed these
9 defects from Plaintiff and Class members, and carelessly and negligently misrepresented the
10 quality, safety and usefulness of the leads.

11 96. Plaintiff and Class members were directly involved in and directly impacted by
12 Medtronic's carelessness and negligence, in that Plaintiff and Class members have sustained and
13 will continue to sustain severe physical injuries and/or death, economic losses, and other
14 damages as a direct result of the decision to purchase, use and have implanted in their bodies a
15 defective and dangerous product manufactured, sold and distributed by Medtronic.

16 97. Medtronic's misconduct as alleged above has caused Plaintiff and Class members
17 to suffer severe emotional trauma, physical consequences and long continued emotional
18 disturbance. Plaintiff and Class members are therefore entitled to compensatory damages and
19 equitable and declaratory relief according to proof.

SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Violation of Consumer Protection Statutes)

22 98. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
23 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

24 99. Defendant has a statutory duty to refrain from unfair or deceptive acts or practices
25 in the design, development, manufacture, promotion and sale of the defective leads.

26 100. Had the Defendant not engaged in the deceptive conduct described above,
27 Plaintiff would not have purchased and/or paid for the defective leads, and would not have
28 incurred related medical costs.

1 101. Defendant's deceptive, unconscionable or fraudulent representations and material
2 omissions to patients, physicians and consumers, including Plaintiff, constituted unfair and
3 deceptive acts and practices in violation of the state consumer protection statutes listed below.

4 102. Defendant engaged in wrongful conduct while at the same time obtaining, under
5 false pretenses, substantial sums of money from Plaintiff for the defective leads that they would
6 not have paid had Defendant not engaged in unfair and deceptive conduct.

7 103. Defendant's actions, as complained of herein, constitute unfair competition or
8 unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts or practices in violation of state consumer
9 protection statutes, as listed below:

- 10 (a) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
11 practices in violation of Ala. Code § 8-19-1, et seq.;
- 12 (b) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
13 practices in violation of Alaska Stat. § 45.50.471, et seq.;
- 14 (c) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
15 practices in violation of Ariz. Rev. Stat. § 44-1522, et seq.;
- 16 (d) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
17 practices in violation of Ark. Code § 4-88-101, et seq.;
- 18 (e) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
19 practices in violation of Cal. Civ. Code §1770, et seq. and Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code
20 § 17200, et seq.;
- 21 (f) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
22 practices or has made false representations in violation of Colo. Rev. Stat. § 6-1-
23 105, et seq.;
- 24 (g) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
25 practices in violation of Conn. Gen. Stat. § 42-110a, et seq.;
- 26 (h) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
27 practices in violation of 6 Del. Code §§ 2511, et seq. and 2531, et seq.;

- (i) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices or made false representations in violation of D.C. Code § 28-3901, et seq.;
- (j) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Fla. Stat. § 501.201, et seq.;
- (k) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ga. Stat. §§10-1-372, et seq., 10-1-392 and 10-1-420.
- (l) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Haw. Rev. Stat. § 480-1, et seq.;
- (m) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Idaho Code § 48-601, et seq.;
- (n) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of 815 ILCS § 505/1, et seq.;
- (o) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ind. Code Ann. § 24-5-0.5-1, et seq.;
- (p) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Iowa Code § 714.16, et seq.;
- (q) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Kan. Stat. § 50-623, et seq.;
- (r) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Ky. Rev. Stat. § 367.170, et seq.;
- (s) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of La. Rev. Stat. § 51:1401, et seq.;
- (t) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Me. Rev. Stat. § 205A, et seq.;
- (u) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or practices in violation of Md. Com. Law Code § 13-101, et seq.;

- 1 (v) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 2 practices in violation of Mass. Gen. L. Ch. 93A, et seq.;
- 3 (w) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 4 practices in violation of Mich. Comp. Laws Ann. § 445.901, et seq.;
- 5 (x) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 6 practices in violation of Minn. Stat. §§ 325D.43, et seq., 325F.67, et seq. and
- 7 325F.68 et seq.;
- 8 (y) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 9 practices in violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 75-24-1, et seq.;
- 10 (z) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 11 practices in violation of Vernon's Ann. Missouri Stat. § 407.010, et seq.;
- 12 (aa) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 13 practices in violation of Mont. Code Ann. § 30-14-101, et seq.;
- 14 (bb) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 15 practices in violation of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 59-1601, et seq.;
- 16 (cc) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 17 practices in violation of Nev. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 598.0903, et seq.;
- 18 (dd) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 19 practices in violation of N.H. Rev. Stat. § 358-A:1, et seq.;
- 20 (ee) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable or
- 21 deceptive acts or practices in violation of N.J. Rev. Stat. § 56:8-1, et seq.;
- 22 (ff) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 23 practices in violation of N.M. Stat. § 57-12-1, et seq.;
- 24 (gg) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 25 practices in violation of N.Y. Gen. Bus. Law §§ 349 et seq. and 350-e, et seq.;
- 26 (hh) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
- 27 practices in violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 75-1.1, et seq.;
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- 1 (ii) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
2 practices in violation of N.D. Cent. CODE §§ 51-12-01, et seq., and 51-15-01, et
3 seq.;
- 4 (jj) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
5 practices in violation of Ohio Rev. Stat. § 1345.01, et seq.;
- 6 (kk) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
7 practices or made false representations in violation of Okla. Stat. 15 § 751, et seq.;
- 8 (ll) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
9 practices in violation of Or. Rev. Stat. § 646.605, et seq.;
- 10 (mm) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
11 practices in violation of 73 Pa. Stat. § 201-1, et seq.;
- 12 (nn) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
13 practices in violation of R.I. Gen. Laws. § 6-13.1-1, et seq.;
- 14 (oo) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
15 practices in violation of S.C. Code Laws § 39-5-10, et seq.;
- 16 (pp) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
17 practices in violation of S.D. Codified Laws § 37-24-1, et seq.;
- 18 (qq) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
19 practices in violation of Tenn. Code § 47-18-101, et seq.;
- 20 (rr) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
21 practices in violation of Tex. Bus. & Com. Code § 17.41, et seq.;
- 22 (ss) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
23 practices in violation of Utah Code. § 13-11-1, et seq.;
- 24 (tt) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
25 practices in violation of 9 Vt. § 2451, et seq.;
- 26 (uu) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
27 practices in violation of Va. Code § 59.1-196, et seq.;

- 1 (vv) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair, deceptive or fraudulent
2 acts or practices in violation of Wash. Rev. Code. § 19.86.010, et seq.;
- 3 (ww) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
4 practices in violation of West Virginia Code § 46A-6-101, et seq.;
- 5 (xx) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
6 practices in violation of Wis. Stat. §100.20, et seq.; and
- 7 (yy) Defendant has engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or
8 practices in violation of Wyo. Stat. § 40-12-101, et seq.

9 104. Plaintiff and her Class were injured by the cumulative and indivisible nature of
10 Defendant's conduct. The cumulative effect of Defendant's conduct directed at patients,
11 physicians and consumers was to create demand for and sell the defective leads. Each aspect of
12 Defendant's conduct combined to artificially create sales of the defective leads.

13 105. The medical community relied upon Defendant's misrepresentations and
14 omissions in determining which cardiac device to utilize.

15 106. By reason of the unlawful acts engaged in by Defendant, Plaintiff and her Class
16 have suffered ascertainable loss and damages.

17 107. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's wrongful conduct, Plaintiff and
18 her Class were damaged by paying in whole or in part for these defective leads.

19 108. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's violations of state consumer
20 protection statutes, Plaintiff and her Class have sustained economic losses and other damages for
21 which they are entitled to statutory, compensatory damages and declaratory relief in an amount
22 to be proven at trial. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff and each member of her Class jointly and
23 severally for all general, special and injunctive relief to which Plaintiff and her Class are entitled
24 by law. Under statutes enacted in California and all other states, and the District of Columbia, to
25 protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade and business
26 practices and false advertising, Plaintiff and Class members are consumers who purchased
27 Medtronics' Sprint Fidelis leads pursuant to a consumer transaction for personal use and are
28 therefore subject to protection under such legislation.

1 109. Under statutes enacted in California and all other states, and the District of
2 Columbia, to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade
3 and business practices and false advertising, Medtronic is the supplier, manufacturer, advertiser,
4 and seller, who is subject to liability under such legislation for unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and
5 unconscionable consumer sales practices.

6 110. Defendant violated the statutes enacted in California and all other states, and the
7 District of Columbia, to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and
8 unconscionable trade and business practices and false advertising, by knowingly and falsely
9 representing that the leads were fit to be used for the purpose for which they were intended,
10 when in fact the leads were defective and dangerous, and by other acts alleged herein. These
11 representations were made in uniform promotional materials.

12 111. The actions and omissions of Defendant alleged herein are uncured or incurable
13 deceptive acts under the statutes enacted in California and all other states, and the District of
14 Columbia, to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade
15 and business practices and false advertising.

16 112. Defendant had actual knowledge of the defective and dangerous condition of the
17 Sprint Fidelis leads, and failed to take any action to cure such defective and dangerous
18 conditions.

SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

21 113. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
22 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

23 114. Defendant expressly warranted to Plaintiff by and through Defendant and/or its
24 authorized agents or sales representatives, in publications, the internet, and other
25 communications intended for medical patients, and the general public, that the defective leads
26 were safe, effective, fit and proper for their intended use.

27 115. In allowing the implantation of the defective leads, Plaintiffs relied on the skill,
28 judgment, representations, and express warranties of Defendant. These warranties and

1 representations were false in that the defective leads were not safe and were unfit for the uses for
2 which they were intended.

3 116. Through its sale of the defective leads, Defendant is a merchant pursuant to
4 Section 2-314 of the *Uniform Commercial Code*.

5 117. Any disclaimers of express warranties are ineffectual as they were not provided to
6 Plaintiff and her Class or otherwise made known to them. In addition, any such disclaimers are
7 unconscionable.

8 118. As a direct and proximate result of Defendant's breach of express warranty,
9 Plaintiffs have sustained economic losses and other damages for which they are entitled to
10 compensatory damages in an amount to be proven at trial. Any disclaimer of consequential
11 damages is invalid as the limited remedy provided fails in its essential purpose to redress the
12 harm and damages to Plaintiff and her Class in that it, in effect, provides no remedy at all for the
13 defect necessary to be redressed. In addition, any such disclaimer of consequential damages is
14 unconscionable. Defendant is liable to Plaintiff each member of her Class jointly and severally
15 for all damages to which Plaintiff and her Class are entitled by law.

EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Unjust Enrichment)

18 119. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
19 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

20 120. As the intended and expected result of their conscious wrongdoing, Defendant has
21 profited and benefited from the purchase of Defendant's defective leads by Plaintiff and each
22 member of her Class.

23 121. Defendant has voluntarily accepted and retained these profits and benefits,
24 derived from the Plaintiff and Plaintiff's Class, with full knowledge and awareness that, as a
25 result of Defendant's wrongdoing, Plaintiff and her Class were not receiving a product of the
26 quality, nature or fitness that had been represented by Defendant or that Plaintiff and the
27 members of her Class, as reasonable consumers, expected.

1 122. By virtue of the conscious wrongdoing alleged above, Defendant has been
2 unjustly enriched at the expense of the Plaintiff and her Class, who are entitled to in equity, and
3 hereby seek, the disgorgement and restitution of Defendant's wrongful profits, revenues and
4 benefits, to the extent and in the amount deemed appropriate by the Court; and such other relief
5 as the Court deems just and proper to remedy the Defendant's unjust enrichment.

NINTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF

(Declaratory Relief and Medical Monitoring)

8 123. Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, re-alleges the
9 allegations contained in the foregoing paragraphs.

10 124. Plaintiff and Class members have no adequate remedy at law and damages cannot
11 adequately compensate Plaintiff and Class members for the injuries suffered and threatened,
12 rendering declaratory, injunctive, and other equitable relief appropriate.

13 125. Through the unlawful conduct set forth in the preceding paragraphs, Plaintiff and
14 tens of thousands of Class members have been implanted with a device which tends to fracture,
15 and otherwise malfunction. These defects have potentially fatal consequences for many patients
16 who rely upon the presence of the leads connected to the ICDs to regulate their cardiac rhythms.

17 126. There are medical risks to Plaintiff and Class members associated with having the
18 defective Sprint Fidelis leads explanted, as they have been implanted directly onto the heart wall.
19 Explantation procedures expose Plaintiff and Class members to significant risks attendant to
20 surgery, not least of which are potentially life-threatening infections and other harm.

127. At the same time, Plaintiff and Class members, along with their physicians, must
128 weigh these risks against the possibility that Medtronic's Sprint Fidelis leads will fail or have
129 failed to function as designed, represented and intended, resulting in an increased risk of heart
130 damage, failure and/or death.

25 128. Accordingly, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated,
26 request the following classwide equitable relief:

27 (a) That Medtronic be ordered to notify all potential Class members of the defective
28 nature of the Sprint Fidelis leads;

- 1 (b) That Medtronic be ordered to create a treatment fund, under the continuing
2 jurisdiction and supervision of this Court, to monitor the health of Plaintiff and
3 Class members, and to pay or reimburse Plaintiff and Class members for all
4 evaluative, monitoring, diagnostic, preventative, and corrective medical, surgical,
5 and incidental expenses caused by Medtronic's wrongdoing; and
6 (c) Declaratory judgment that Medtronic is liable to Plaintiff and all Class members
7 for all evaluative, monitoring, diagnostic, preventative, and corrective medical,
8 surgical, and incidental expenses, costs and losses caused by Medtronic's
9 wrongdoing.

10 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

11 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, prays for
12 judgment against Medtronic as follows:

- 13 1. For an Order certifying the Class and any appropriate subclasses thereof under the
14 appropriate provisions of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23, and appointing Plaintiff and her
15 counsel to represent the Class;
- 16 2. For the equitable relief requested;
- 17 3. For compensatory damages according to proof;
- 18 4. For punitive or exemplary damages against Medtronic, consistent with the degree
19 of Medtronic's reprehensibility and the resulting harm or potential harm to Plaintiff and the
20 Class, and in an amount sufficient to punish Medtronic and deter others from similar
21 wrongdoing;
- 22 5. For all applicable statutory damages under the consumer protection legislation of
23 California, and all states and the District of Columbia;
- 24 6. For declaratory judgment that Medtronic is liable to Plaintiff and Class members
25 for all evaluative, monitoring, diagnostic, preventative, and corrective medical, surgical, and
26 incidental expenses, costs and losses caused by Medtronic's wrongdoing;
- 27 7. For notice to be disseminated to all Class members who have been implanted with
28 Sprint Fidelis leads;

- 1 8. For a restitution and disgorgement of profits;
- 2 9. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- 3 10. For prejudgment interest and the costs of suit; and
- 4 11. For such other and further relief as this Court may deem just and proper.

5 **DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

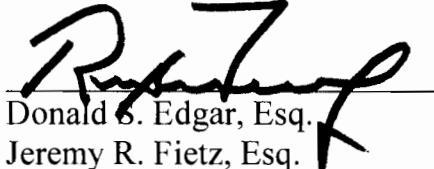
6 Plaintiff, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, hereby demands a trial by
7 jury in this case as to such issues so triable.

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9 Dated: 19 October 2007

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